

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~In an~~ An aerosol spray apparatus, for applying an anti-microbial agent to a surface to be disinfected, comprising an aerosol spray nozzle coupled to a first container comprising a gas propellant and second container for containing a liquid disinfectant composition able to be sprayed from the apparatus, said aerosol apparatus being configured for dispensing said disinfectant composition through said spray nozzle, the improvement wherein the liquid disinfectant composition is a ~~liquid~~ flash-dry disinfectant composition in aerosol form comprising 10 to 30% by volume of said anti-microbial agent, 10 to 85% by volume of a flash vaporization component and 10 to 65 % by volume of water, said flash vaporization component being able, once the flash-dry disinfectant composition is sprayed from the apparatus, to flash vaporize said flash-dry disinfectant composition thereby providing rapid and effective disinfecting action.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 28 wherein said flash vaporization component comprises an alkanol of formula ROH wherein R is a group containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 28 wherein said anti-microbial agent comprises hydrogen peroxide.

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An aerosol apparatus as defined in claim 28 wherein said flash vaporization component comprises ethanol.

32. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A flash-dry disinfectant composition in aerosol form, comprising an anti-microbial agent to be applied to a surface to be disinfected, said flash-dry disinfectant composition comprising 10 to 30% by volume of an anti-microbial agent, 10 to 85% by volume of a flash vaporization component and 10 to 65 % by volume of water, said flash vaporization component being capable of, once the flash-dry disinfectant composition is sprayed from an apparatus, to flash vaporize said flash-dry disinfectant composition thereby providing rapid and effective disinfecting action.

33. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An agent The flash-dry disinfectant composition as defined in claim 32 wherein said flash vaporization component comprises an alkanol of formula ROH wherein R is a group containing 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

34. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An agent The flash-dry disinfectant composition as defined in claim 32 wherein said anti-microbial agent comprises hydrogen peroxide.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An agent The flash-dry disinfectant composition as defined in claim 32 wherein said flash vaporization component comprises ethanol.

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